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The Honorable Robert A. Lovett
The Secretary of Defense
Washington 25, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

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It is urgently requested that the tour of duty of [redacted]
[redacted] U.S.A., ORD, [redacted] with the Central Intelli-
gence Agency be extended. In June 1951, extension of his tour
was approved for one year with the proviso granted that considera-
tion would be given to a request at a later date for further ex-
tension.

The duties [redacted] now performs with this Agency
require extensive and detailed knowledge and broad experience
in the fields of theoretical and applied nuclear physics. The
availability of personnel with such qualifications for full time
employment by this Agency is very limited, and efforts to procure
an equally qualified or even a passable replacement have thus far
been unsuccessful. [redacted] has served with distinction
as a high level scientific advisor to this Agency since his
transfer from the [redacted] in February 1947.
He possesses a Ph.D. degree in nuclear physics and has competently
taught the subject. When he was with the [redacted] he
was responsible for technical operations at [redacted]
[redacted] and, as a member of this Agency, he is senior
advisor to the Technical Director at each of the atomic weapons
testing programs.

Further, [redacted] combines a broad knowledge of
scientific problems and their relationship to intelligence with
a knack for translating his views into readily understandable
terms. This, in itself, is a rare talent; in the field of nuclear
physics, such talent is particularly valuable to this Agency.

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[] has expressed the desire to remain with the Central Intelligence Agency as long as his services are needed. With the understanding that he would be available for temporary duty with the Department of Defense as needed for special activities, it is my opinion that the country's security would be best served by authorizing his continued duty with this Agency for an additional year.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Walter B. Smith
Director

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MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL SMITH

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AD/SI recommends that you request the Secretary of Defense to approve the continued assignment to CIA of the Scientific Advisor of our Nuclear Energy Division.

I recommend that you make such request, by signing this memorandum to the Secretary.

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